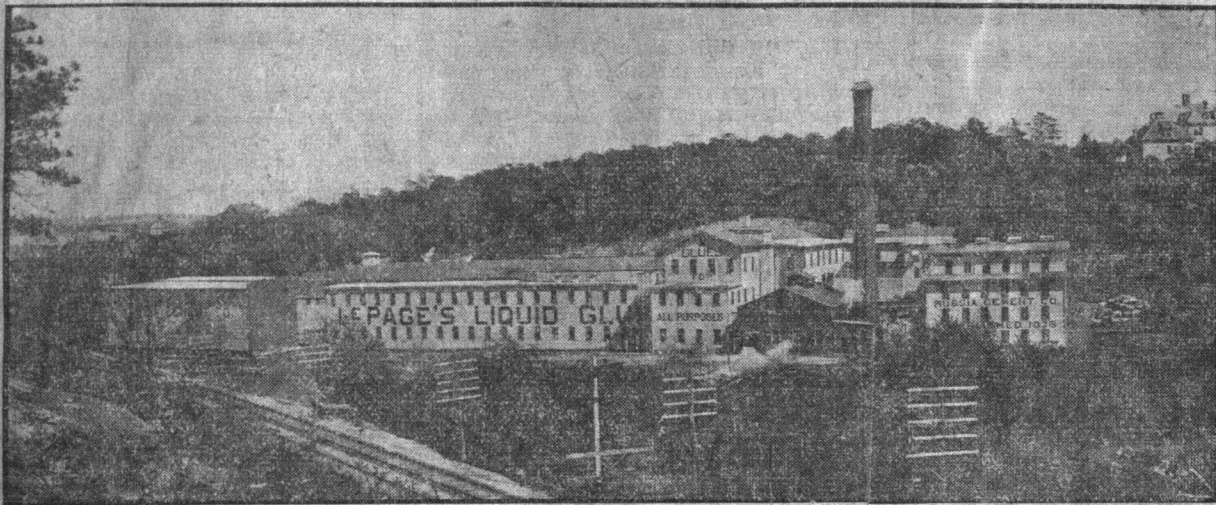


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## Present Plant of the Russia Cement Co, Which is to be Greatly Enlarged at Once.



## MORE INDUSTRY FOR GLOUCESTER

### Russia Cement Co. to Enlarge Its Big Plant at West Gloucester—Growing Business Demands More Room.

The Russia Cement Company is soon to extend its already large and growing business by extensively engaging in the manufacture of inks and in order to handle and prepare the many products for which the concern has gained a world-wide reputation, the present mammoth plant at West Gloucester is to be enlarged by the construction of a large four story concrete addition.

The new building, which will be one of the finest of its kind to be found anywhere, will cover an area of 60 by 100 feet and will be constructed of re-inforced concrete. It will be entirely modern, up-to-date and fire-proof and occupy the space between

the present building on the company's site, where the glue and fish products are packed and the oil shed.

The contract has been awarded to the Aberthaw Construction Company of Boston. This concern built the famous Carter's ink factory as well as many other large and modern structures. Work on the new building will commence Thursday, it is now expected, and four months will be needed to erect and complete it.

When the new building is erected, it will be devoted for the packing of glues, paste, cement, oil, ink, and the many other products that the company puts up. With the extension of this already large business will come the employment of additional help, all of which will add materially to the business prosperity of Gloucester.

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## THE BESSIE DUGAN SIGHTED ALL RIGHT

The unconfirmed rumor of the sinking of the fishing steamer Bessie M. Dugan, which was published in the Boston papers yesterday morning, proved to be another of those wild-oat yarns emanating from an idle tongue, for the craft is safe as well as all hands on board.

The Times stated yesterday that Capt. Forbes was probably down on the Rips on his old stamping ground looking for pollock in that vicinity.

This was confirmed when Thomas A. Cromwell, owner of the craft, received a telegram last evening at 9 o'clock from Nantucket, that both crew and boat had been sighted off shore, and signals reported that she was all right.

## DON BATSON WED IN BROOKLYN

### Former Well Known Gloucester Boy is Now Member of New York Concern.

News has been received here of the wedding of Don A. Batson, a former Gloucester boy, to Miss Vera Freydstadt, the ceremony taking place at the Church of the Holy Innocents, Beverly road and East Seventeenth street, Flatbush, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Monday evening, April 21.

Mr. Batson was born and brought up here and is a brother of the late George W. Batson who was known to the financial world as E. H. Harriman's right hand man and who, following Mr. Harriman's death, wrote his biography at the request of Mrs. Harriman.

Miss Freydstadt, who is a recent graduate of Berkely Institute, is widely known among the younger set of the Park Slope and Flatbush sections of Brooklyn. Mr. Batson resides at 160 St. John's place and is a member of the stock brokerage firm of Harold Dickerson & Company, 52 Broadway, N. Y. He is also a well known dog fancier and is a member of the Long Island Kennel Club, the Airedale Terrier Club of Long Island and many other kennel organizations.

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Sch. Albert J. Lutz, Capt. Apt, is at Port Wade overhauling, painting and changing gear for halibut fishing which will take place in LaHave and Anticosti waters. The vessel will be ready in about a week.—Yarmouth, N. S., Post.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton sailed from Canso Saturday last for Magdalens. Schs. Harmony, Elmer E. Gray and Fannie E. Prescott passed Mulgrave bound north, Sunday last and one halibut vessel passed south on the same date.

#### Smack Have Few Cod.

The New York market will now have to look to the eastern market for its codfish, says the Fishing Gazette Editorially. Only one smack arrived during last week. The catch was 3,400.

#### Shipped to Cheseboro Bros.

The three barrels of fresh medium mackerel landed by sch. Rob Roy at Lewes, Delaware, were shipped to Cheseboro Brothers at Fulton market, New York, yesterday.

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## BIG FLEET AND BIG FARES TODAY

### But Market at T Wharf Is Very Dull and Prices Are Off.

With the arrival of several of good-sized off shore fresh fares, the bottom of the market fell through at T wharf, Boston, this morning, and trading was very dull.

Since yesterday, an even two dozen fares have been reported, among the largest of which are schs. Harriett, 125,000 pounds; Ellen and Mary, 104,000 pounds; Aspinet, 78,000 pounds; Rebecca, 50,000 pounds; Alice M. Guthrie, 66,000 pounds; Terra Nova, 73,000 pounds; Josephine DeCosta, 83,000 pounds; Jeanette, 110,000 pounds.

The dealers paid \$1.50 to \$3 a hundred weight for haddock, \$2.50 for large cod, \$1.75 for market cod, \$1 to \$1.50 for hake, \$1.25 for cusk, and \$1 for pollock.

#### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 3500 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Buema, 6000 haddock, 9000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, 1200 haddock, 16,000 cod.  
Sch. Jessie Costa, 9000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake.  
Sch. Rebecca, 5000 haddock, 7000 cod, 8000 hake, 36,000 cusk, 800 halibut.  
Sch. Vikings, 15,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.  
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 50,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 700 halibut.  
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 3200 cod.  
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Georgianna, 9500 cod.  
Str. Crest, 37,000 haddock, 200 cod, 3000 cusk.  
Sch. Terra Nora, 28,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 13,000 hake, 20,000 cusk.  
Sch. Josephine De Costa, 50,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 6000 hake, 12,000 cusk.  
Sch. Jeannette, 40,000 haddock, 75,000 cod.  
Sch. Harriett, 20,000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 20,000 hake, 10,000 cusk, 25,000 pollock.  
Sch. Ellen and Mary, 65,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 6000 hake, 10,000 cusk.  
Sch. Aspinet, 43,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 2000 hake, 13,000 cusk, 1200 halibut.  
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 4000 haddock, 9000 cod, 15,000 hake, 4000 cusk.  
Sch. Manhasset, 6000 haddock, 15,000 cod.  
Sch. Eleanor DeCosta, 12,000 haddock, 8000 cod.  
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 500 haddock, 3500 cod, 10,000 hake, 4000 cusk.  
Schs. Genesta, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod, 6000 hake.  
Sch. Pearl, 1100 haddock, 500 cod.  
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$1 to \$1.50; pollock, \$1.25; cusk, \$1; halibut, 11 cents for white and 8 cents for gray.

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## PLENTY HERRING AT MAGDALENS

Here are the latest herring reports: Amherst Harbor, Magdalen Islands, April 26.—Amherst plenty herring; House Harbor, traps apparently full; Grindstone none; Etang du Nord few herring; weather fine.

Queensport, N. S., April 26.—About 20 barrels of herring in nets today. Souris, U. E. I., April 26.—No herring along Eastern shore of Souris or Georgetown.

#### New Corporations.

The George M. Harper Co., of Boston, Mass., has been incorporated to handle sea foods; capital, \$10,000. Incorporators: William F. Garcelon, George M. Harper, Bay E. Estes. Chatham Cold Storage & Weir Co., Boston, Mass.; capital, \$50,000. Incorporators: E. A. Snow, H. I. Snow, Boston.



# CHINCOTEAGUE MACKEREL NEWS

Chincoteague, April 22.—The northern mackerel draggers are very much disappointed at the prospects of making any money here this spring. So far the high line boat has been two hundred and twenty on a gear of seventy-five net, while the general average has been about one hundred. Some of the old-time fishermen, like the Jackson boys of Edgartown, Mass., think that the small catch is caused by the northerly blows and extreme cold weather, and the fish have gone past, while others think the school has not arrived, and when the wind does go into the south the fish will strike in and the boats will do as well as in years gone by. But there is one thing sure about it, as soon as there is any fish reported caught off Atlantic City the northern fleet will leave here.

Samuel Smith, of Eldred & Healy lost so many barrels that now he has them all lettered with the firm's name and has a boy to watch them nights. Jim Ryan, of Caleb & Healy, has his barrels in a coal bin, and carries the key in his pocket at all times. Capt. Charlie Hart, the old time Gloucester mackerel king, has a large power boat that he runs to the lower bay waylaying the fishermen on their way up, although there are not many fish. Capt. Charlie says he enjoys the sail very much, and has gained in weight about 20 pounds since he left the north. George Vansant, of Atlantic City, who is here in the interest of Wilson & Barry and Chesebro Bros., had the misfortune to break his finger while playing ball Saturday of last week. Now he goes around with his hand in a sling, but gets his share of the business just the same.

The northern boats here at present: Frank Butler's, Natalie, M. Kelley's Mildred, Robert Jackson's Mildred J., Priscilla and Levi Jackson, Ethel M. Abe's Osborn, Leona Stanley's Fisher, Reta, F. K. Lynch's Mabel, Al, Tilton, Eda J. Morse, Dannie Mullins, Jessie D., John Cobb, Mildred and Agnes, William Oneil, Eliza Benner, Horace Hillman, Clara T., William Luth, Alice, Henry Munson, Annie T. Mack and the Henty Klimm. This is the largest northern fleet that has been here for a number of years. In past years most of the smaller boats did not come south of Atlantic City. Mr. Vansant will leave here the last of the week for home to get ready for the boats when they arrive there. The trap fishermen are doing very well catching small weaks and croakers, which are bringing a good price at Baltimore and Philadelphia. The few traps at Ocean City, Md., are having a hard time to keep their gear in shape on account of the continuous hard blows. One company has had to replace three times so far this season. The sturgeon fishing has been very behind. Eddie Wanson, of Hugh Stocker Co., New York, stated that there had not been over ten fish landed all the spring. Robert Purnell, who has been at home the past week, will leave the first of the month for the Jersey beach in the interest of Wilson & Barry, the same as during the last two years. Among the new arrivals representing New York firms are Alfred Macdonald, Fulton Fish Co., who has been down in the shad country, and M. R. Phinney, with Lockwood & Winant. Frank Richardson, of the New York Fish Co., is on the job looking after the Edgartown fleet. There is one thing that is sure in the fish business, wherever you find the Edgartown fleet you will find Frank, and he gets his share of the business, too.—Fishing Gazette, April 26.

The Angelsea fishermen during the past week have made record catches of fresh mackerel, and now that delectable fish is passing off the coast of Atlantic City, N. J. Inet fishermen and the nets at the Million Dollar Pier, it is expected will reap the harvests for the coming week, at least. With the mackerel from the southern waters comes the great variety of fish, and hauls at the pier have increased with the approach of the warmer weather.

The demand for salt mackerel is reported very light and quotations practically nominal, as there is but little trading, the Fishing Gazette says. Buyers are not interested and the Jewish holidays this week were an added feature of dullness. Stocks in this country are small, but Norway holders are said to have about 20,000 barrels in hand. Importers are buying with unusual caution, however, on account of the impending tariff changes; they don't care to be caught with goods on hand at the time of duty reduction. The difference of \$2 per barrel will make a great item for importers to consider.

Two hundred and thirty-five barrels of mackerel were landed on the Irish coasts during March, valued at \$1215; same month last year, four barrels, valued at \$20. About 5000 mackerel were landed at Dingle last week and disposed of to the fresh markets.

Shipments of Irish salt mackerel from Liverpool last week comprised 60 barrels to Boston and 388 to other American ports. They counted 350 to 400 fish a barrel. Reports from the fishing stations state that fishing is very poor.

## PROVINCETOWN'S MOTOR BOAT ACT

The fishermen of Provincetown, should find much of valuable interest to them in the following:

[Chap. 415.] An act relative to the use of certain motor boats in the waters of the town of Provincetown. Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful to use or keep in the waters of the town of Provincetown any boat of less than five tons, propelled by any mechanical power or by any power other than muscular power or the power of sails, and used in the fishing business, unless the same is duly registered in accordance with such regulations as may be made by the selectmen of the town, in addition to the regulations made herein. Every boat so registered shall carry its registered number painted on each side of the bow, plainly visible in figures not less than two inches long.

Section 2. Whoever uses a boat in violation of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars for each offence.

Section 3. This act shall not apply to boats owned by non-residents of Provincetown unless they are regularly kept or used in the waters of the said town. (Approved March 29, 1913.)

This act is to take effect thirty days after the date of approval.

Within a short time the selectmen will cause to be posted at certain public places about town notices calling upon owners of motor boats affected by this act to call at the town hall and take out a numbered license as required by law.

### Fulton Fish Market Notes.

The market was fairly well supplied with all varieties excepting red snappers and hake during the last week, says the Fishing Gazette. Up to and including Wednesday trading was light. On Thursday things livened up somewhat and much fish was moved, probably for the reason that prices were much more attractive than during the first half of the week.

Fresh mackerel are going lower in price each day and probably during the coming week they can be purchased at less than 30 cents each. On Saturday last the quotation was 45 to 50 cents. On Monday and Tuesday sales were made at 45 cents; Wednesday, 40 to 45 cents, and on Thursday at 35 cents. Large quantities of the fish are being taken in the South. Up to this time no vessel with mackerel has reached this market.

Codfish showed few variations in price. During the week market cod sold at 3 to 4 cents and steak cod at 7 cents.

Haddock was scarce, selling at 4 to 6 cents during the entire week.

There was no steak hake in the market.

Western white halibut brought 11 to 14 cents.

### Portland Fishing Notes.

The schooner Marion E. Turner came in Friday with 60,000 pounds of pollock and couldn't find a market for them. It was but a few weeks ago that the market was crying for pollock so scarce was this kind of fish but now there is more than plenty. Last Tuesday morning pollock was quoted in the market at \$4 per hundred weight. On Wednesday the quotation had dropped to \$1.50 and Thursday saw that figure shaved another quarter while Friday's price was \$1.05. The local dealers had all they could handle at that price and the Turner found that the only way she could dispose of her fare was to proceed to Gloucester where the facilities are much better for handling these fish.

The Albert W. Black brought in the banner fare of mixed fish for the week Friday. She had some over 27,000 pounds.

## FISH GAZETTE ON THE TARIFF

Discussing the new tariff bill and more especially the fish schedule and its possible effect upon trade and business, the Fishing Gazette in its issue of April 26 has the following to say:

"The Fishing Gazette has made a pretty general canvass of New York dealers, and while some object to one feature of the schedule or another, in the main they say they think the change in duties will have little or no effect, so far as the duties go. There is a general opinion that the period of readjustment will be bad for the trade; but this would be the case without regard to schedules. In fact, the effect of the uncertainty already is apparent, and by uncertainty is not meant doubt as to what the new duties will be, but the mere fact of impending change, and the upset conditions incident thereto.

"The prevailing dullness in almost all lines already is attributed to this very thing. Naturally, with lower duties likely or no duties at all on stock now carrying a tariff, importers will not bring in any more goods than they can dispose of at once, and wholesalers and jobbers won't take more than they can quickly sell. Buying by all hands becomes of a hand-to-mouth character and this is true of business of all kinds where tariff duties are to be lowered. The business dullness, therefore, may be expected to be general and dullness in one line has a sympathetic effect on another line, and so the effect becomes general.

"If dealers have any complaint it generally concerns the ad valorem instead of specific character of the rates on some of the items. Merchants say this method is troublesome, leads to unintentional under-valuations, with consequent penalties, litigation and no end of trouble.

"So far as concerns a lower cost to consumer of goods on a free trade basis, dealers generally say the difference is so small that when apportioned out it will be too slight for retailers to take cognizance of in dealing with their customers. Fluctuations in price, due to conditions of supply and demand, are known to be far greater than the differences in tariff rates can account for. For example, in 1911 herrings sold at an average of \$10 per barrel and in 1912 at \$14. Yet in the latter year more stock was imported and used than in the former, according to a dealer here. This was due to conditions entirely apart from price considerations.

"Some exporters who were seen this week were inclined to think that their business would be injured, but others strongly dissented. One leading exporter, whose business is with the West Indies, said he thought free fish would result in so much larger sales in this country that the Nova Scotia supply would be drawn on to such an extent as to cause an advance in the producing market. This would mean a higher purchase price to the exporter, who, getting his stock through in bond, has done business on a free trade basis. Others, however, point out that this argument is not well taken, since the present duties on fish are not large enough, appreciably to influence the quantities imported, and so really no effect at primary points is to be anticipated. The aggregate of duties on large amounts of stock handled by an importer, jobber, or even retailer, of course, makes an item which he must take care of, and which influences his business transactions; but it is the ultimate consumer whose buying determines all these transactions, and as long as the price of the ultimate consumer is not materially changed, they say, no material change in the volume of business, or in its general directions, is likely. Just as if, were the case reversed and the duties going on, instead of coming off, the increase of duties would be too small to check consumption, just so the decrease as now scheduled is too slight to cause any sensibly wider consumptive demand, or upset any existing trade conditions.

"Producing interests, of course, may not look with such equanimity on the projected changes. Producers generally do not take kindly to such. A Gloucester despatch says a storm of protest has arisen there, and plans are on foot to hold a meeting of master mariners to protest to Washington."

## COMM'R BOWERS REMEMBERED

George M. Bowers, former United States Commissioner of Fisheries, was recently presented with a handsomely engraved silver service from the employees. Mr. Bowers was asked to go to the Bureau and, when he arrived at his former office, the present was awaiting him. Chief Clerk Dunlap made the presentation speech in the presence of several of the employees, to which Mr. Bowers responded graciously.

## BUYS LAND AT BAY OF ISLANDS

Capt. N. Butt has sold the Butt property at North Arm, Bay of Islands, to Cunningham and Thompson Gloucester, Mass.—Bay of Islands, F., Western Star.

### Porto Rico Fish Market.

Market conditions remain as previously advised. Supplies at hand are not excessive, yet sufficient for current needs, and sales are being made within the compass of our last quotations, which reduced to a net ex-wharf basis are about as follows: Codfish, \$31 to \$31.50 per cask of 450 lbs.; pollock and haddock, \$23 to \$23.50 per cask 450 lbs.

Reported by S. Ramirez & Co., San Juan, P. R.

# WANT PRIVILEGE FOR AUXILIARIES

Canada to be Asked to Issue Modus Vivendi to American Fishing Crafts Fitted With Power.

A Washington despatch to the Boston Advertiser this morning states that Congressman A. P. Gardner consulted yesterday with J. Bassett Moore, counsellor of the department of state and acting secretary of state, on the proposal submitted by the Board of Trade of this city, to enter into an agreement to obtain a concession from Canada to issue licenses to American fishing crafts using auxiliary power.

For several years the matter has been agitated by the local fishing interests, but nothing has come of it. Under the Modus Vivendi, Nova Scotia has been issuing fishing licenses to our

vessels based, on tonnage, at \$1.50 a ton, except in those cases where the crafts are equipped with engines.

One of the chief arguments heretofore advanced by Canada against the issuing of such licenses to American vessels is that she did not confer such licenses to crafts of the same type owned and operated by Canadians, although recently such concessions have been granted.

The matter has been taken up by Secretary Freeman of the Board of Trade which has been in conference with Congressman Gardner for some time. Now that the restriction has been removed by Canada on her own crafts, Gloucester crafts and those owned elsewhere hope to have the privilege also extended them.



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# BRING HALIBUT DOWN HERE NOW

## Sch. Teaser Here This Morning After Making Boston Market First.

Another halibut fare is here this morning, sch. Teaser, Capt. Peter Dunsky, who was at Boston yesterday bringing his trip here to sell. The New England Fish Company bought the halibut, paying nine cents a pound for white and six and seven cents for grays. Capt. Dunsky also has 10,000 pounds fresh cod and 15,000 pounds salt cod which will be taken out here.

A dandy trip from the Peak is that of sch. Premier, Capt. William Morrissey, who hails for 125,000 pounds, mostly cod. Down from Boston is sch. Frances V. Sylvia with 15,000 pounds of fresh fish and Maud F. Silva with 6000 pounds salt cod.

Yesterday sch. Monitor, Capt. Allen A. Evans arrived from Harbor Breton and St. Jacques, N. F., with 304,000 pounds of salt cod, making the passage home in 13 days. She is consigned to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

The gill netters had about 50,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish yesterday. The in-shore boats landed about two-thirds cod and the remainder haddock and pollock. The larger ones of the fleet struck some good-sized pollock, one-half of the catch being pollock and the remainder haddock and cod.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Premier, The Peak, 120,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
Sch. Monitor, St. Jacques, N. F., 304,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Frances F. Sylvia, via Boston, 150,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Randolph, gill netting, 1900 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Lorena, gill netting, 2800 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Robert and Edwin, 3200 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Lydia, gill netting, 2300 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Bessie A., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Mary L., gill netting, 1900 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Little Fannie, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Medomak, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Orion, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Swan, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston, 6000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. James and Esther, shore.  
Sch. Yankee, shore.  
Sch. Teaser, via Boston, 13,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 10,000 lbs. fresh cod, 15,000 lbs. salt cod.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Alert, south seining.  
Sch. Arcadia, south seining.  
Sch. Pauline, Georges handlining.  
Sch. Ralph Russell, drifting.  
Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., haddocking.  
Sch. Mary F. Sears, haddocking.  
Sch. Flora L. Oliver, haddocking.  
Sch. Quannapowitt, halibutting.  
Sch. Marion E. Turner, pollock seining.  
Sch. Ella G. King, St. Pierre, Miquelon.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.  
Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; mediums, \$4.25.  
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.  
Pollock, \$1.50.  
Hake, \$1.50.  
Haddock, \$1.50.

#### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:  
Haddock, \$1 per cwt.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
Western cod, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$2; snappers, 75c.  
Peak cod, large, 2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 70c.  
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.  
Hake, \$1.  
Cusk, large \$1.35; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.  
Dressed pollock, 90c, round, 80c.

Bank halibut, 12c for white and 9 1-2c for gray.

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## SCH. R. A. PERCY IS SOLD SOUTH

Sch. Rena A. Percy, Capt. John G. Stream, has been sold to the Warren Fish Company of Pensacola and upon arriving from her present halibut trip will be taken south in command of Capt. Stephen Black of sch. Hope, now engaged in the Pensacola snapper fishery. Capt. Black came here from Florida several days ago to sail the craft back.

The Percy is a fine vessel and was built at East Boothbay, Maine, in 1904. She measures 78 tons gross and two years ago was purchased by Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney to engage in the halibut fishery from this port. She is fitted with gasoline auxiliary power.

Capt. Stream will have a larger and newer vessel, and will command sch. Georgia which he and Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney have purchased. The Georgia measures 102 tons gross and was built at Essex in 1909.

Says the Pensacola News: "The Warren Fish Company, by the purchase of the Rena A. Percy, has taken over two New England fishing vessels this year, the first being the Clara G. Silva, which is now enroute here in command of Captain Thompson.

"Both smacks will come direct to Pensacola, where they will be fitted out for the snapper trade. It is usually the custom to have the New England vessels purchased by local parties fitted out for the gulf fishing in Gloucester. The Warren Fish Company this year has departed from this procedure, however, and will bring the two new smacks direct to this city to be fitted out. Neither of the smacks will stop on the snapper banks enroute.

The Clara G. Silva is expected here within the next week or ten days and the Rena A. Percy may be expected within several weeks after she leaves Gloucester in command of Captain Black."

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### Jealous Fishes in a Duel.

"Fish are liable to the same passions as you and I, and they fight and love as we do," said Dr. Francis Ward. "I can show you a photograph of a rainbow trout in what would have been a fight to the death if I had not interfered. In a pond were a big female trout and her partner, who resented the intrusion of another trout.

"Suddenly one fish charged the other and seized him by the jaw. He shook his opponent as a dog shakes a rat, and kept on until his enemy floated to the top. Then I took the fish out and revived it with a little weak whiskey and water."

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Yakima passed Mulgrave bound north Monday last.

Schs. Elk and James W. Parker arrived at Canso Monday last and cleared.

### Barry Getting Ready.

Capt. James Barry left Woods Islands Monday to get the J. R. Bradley ready to sail as soon as the ice goes out—Western Star.

## FISH TRADE DULL AT T WHARF

### Some Good Fares in the Dock This Morning—Big Catch of Sch. Tacoma.

The trade in fresh fish at T wharf, Boston, still remains dull, although some fancy haddock in which there was shortage in supply brought \$6 a hundred weight, which is the largest price paid for any kind of fresh fish for several days past.

Sch. Tacoma has a big trip, hailing or 140,000 pounds. Other good fares since yesterday's report are schs. Matthew S. Greer, 73,000 pounds; Mary, 46,000 pounds; Josie and Phoebe, 5,000 pounds; steamer Swell, 50,000 pounds.

Wholesalers quoted \$1.50 to \$6 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$2.50 to 2.75 for large cod, \$2 to \$2.25 for market cod, \$1.50 for hake and \$1.75 for pollock.

#### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 25,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 5000 cusk, 800 halibut.

Sch. Mary, 35,000 haddock, 6800 cod, 10,000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Str. Swell, 46,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Tacoma, 55,000 haddock, 80,000 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Manhasset, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Emily Sears, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 35,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 4000 hake, 20,000 cusk, 2000 halibut.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; hake, \$1.50; pollock, \$1.75.

## BOOT NOW ON THE OTHER LEG

### We Are Now Sending Car- goes of Bait to St. Pierre Miquelon.

Sch. Ella G. King, which returned from Provincetown a few days after loading with frozen squid, to complete her cargo at this port, sailed for St. Pierre yesterday, where she will sell her supply to the fishermen there.

The carrying of frozen squid to supply the French and Newfoundland fishermen is a new venture, following the lack of bait this winter on the Newfoundland coast. The initial experiment of sending down one load was so successful that other crafts have been sent there, schs. Monitor, just returned here with a cargo of salt cod, Essex and Ramona having taken cargoes there.

#### Portland Fishing Notes.

One of the best fish fares brought here recently was that of the Gloucester schooner Effie M. Morrissey, which arrived Monday from a three weeks cruise on the Cape Shore of Nova Scotia. She hauled for 27,000 pounds of halibut, 8000 pounds of salt cod, and 25,000 pounds of cusk. The halibut were purchased by Capt. Fred Harty for the New England Fish Co. he paying \$1-2 and 10 1-2 cents. The skipper reports a lot of foggy and disagreeable weather on the fishing grounds, but made a fine catch notwithstanding.

Fish are scarce in the Portland market just at present. There has been no great rise in price, for there is plenty of the sea food being taken into Boston and from the Hub to Portland dealers are able to secure all that may be needed for the local demand.

But the fact remains that very few fish are being brought into Portland. The skippers of the local fleet are at a loss to know why the fish are not taking hold, for they have been able to set their trawls and have not had any rough weather. It is too early for dogfish and the haddock and cod have not begun to spawn. "The fish just won't be caught," was the way one skipper expressed it.

## THE SALT COD MARKET NOW

All kinds of export codfish rule firm, with an upward tendency, says the Fishing Gazette. Dealers say the situation is favorable for higher prices, as business is on the upgrade, and the demand gradually strengthening. Ad- vices from Halifax to one dealer this week said the supply of large fish was much smaller than usual, and the catch very small so far, especially in Newfoundland, where unfavorable weather and drifting ice have interfered with fishing. Quotations in New York have not advanced yet, as some of the dealers are pretty well stocked up, and until these supplies are depleted, little change is expected.

McKenzie & Co., discussing the foreign market, say: "Scotch fishing is over for the season. The supply of fine, fat herrings is entirely out and the trade now will take harder cured Downing's Bay stock, of which the supply is fair—just enough to carry the trade over to the new season. It is reported that some new matjes herrings arrived this week, but we don't expect the quality to be altogether up to standard till June."

Some importers say they expect more active demand now on and probably an advance in prices, as no more goods are to be brought over and the supply now is in close hands.

Dealers say that not for years has there been such a light supply of codfish at Gloucester, and the light supplies are general in producing markets. It has been rather an unusual situation—mild and balmy ashore, but rough and squally outside.

"This is not the time of year for prices to go up," said one dealer. "We are looking for increased supplies shortly, and the demand for some time has been larger than the supply. Soon we shall have a country demand and this will improve market conditions in all likelihood."

Salt mackerel are in light receipt, and not much improvement can be expected until the arrival of new fish. Irish and Norway fish are in good supply. Prices are unchanged.

## BOND'S IDEA OF TARIFF BILL

In regard to the proposed United new tariff bill Sir Robert Bond, leader of the opposition in the Newfoundland Legislature, stated in a recent interview: "Free fish would, of course, benefit Newfoundland more than anything else, but until I see the provisions of the new bill and can ascertain exactly what is proposed in this regard, I would not care to discuss the matter further."

At St. John's this week the principal topic of discussion is the proposed free fish clause of the United States tariff bill. It is claimed that if passed free fish into the United States will be a big factor in the development of the Maritime Provinces. It is believed that in the event of that clause going through the fish trade of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will export more fresh fish than formerly, as the New England market will call for increased supplies of green fish. This will also mean that Canadian fish producers will cure fewer fish for export purposes. It is probable also that Gloucester fishing houses will establish branches in the colony and ship the product to their home establishments.

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## FIRST NETTER AT NEW YORK

The first mackerel netter to arrive this season is reported at Fulton dock, New York this morning, sch. Dorcas, Capt. Frank Nolan being in with 1600 large fresh mackerel, according to information received by the Times today.